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DESCRIPTION

Scoring of Text Units

5 TECHNICAL FIELD

The invention relates to a method and a system for scoring text units (e.g. sentences), for example according to their contribution in defining the meaning of a source text (textual relevance), their ability to form a cohesive subtext (textual connectivity) or the extent and effectiveness to which they address the different topics which characterise the subject matter of the text (topic aptness).

15 BACKGROUND ART

When abridging a text it is desirable to select a portion of the text which is most representative in that it contains as many of the key concepts defining the text as possible (textual relevance). This selection, known as summarisation, may also take into consideration the degree of textual connectivity among sentences so as to minimise the danger of producing summaries which contain poorly linked sentences.